

**REMARKS**

The Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed on Dec. 22, 2006. The Applicant respectfully urges the case is in condition for allowance. To the extent that any objections or rejections are still applicable, they are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 5-6, 8-11, 13, 15-16, 18-20, 40-41, 43-44, and 47-65 are now pending in the case.

Claims 55-65 have been added. These new claims are believed to be allowable.

Claims 10, 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 49, and 53 have been amended.

***Request for Interview if Outstanding Issues***

The Applicant believes the case is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe there are any remaining issues that could delay a notice of allowance, the Applicant respectfully requests a telephonic interview with hopes that any such issues may be addressed in an expedited manner, perhaps by an Examiner Amendment. The Applicant's attorney may be contacted at 617-951-2500 at the convenience of the Examiner.

***Typographical error***

The Applicant respectfully urges that the rejection of claim 18 is a typographical error. Claim 18 is a dependent claim that depends from allowed claim 1. As such, claim 18 is believed to be clearly allowable.

***Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103***

At pages 3-6 of the Office Action, claims 10, 11, 13, 15-18<sup>1</sup>, 51 and 54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious in view of Awadallah, U.S. Patent No.

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<sup>1</sup> Please see section titled "Typographical Error" in regards to claim 18.

6,449,251 (hereinafter Awadallah) in view of Kano et al., U.S. Patent No 6,453,349 (hereinafter Kano).

At pages 6-9 of the Office Action, claims 19-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious in view of Awadallah, in view of the paper by Cisco Systems titled “VoIP Call Admission Control Using RSVP,” in further view of the paper “RSVP” by Jappila (hereinafter Jappila).

The details of Awadallah, VoIP Call Admission Control Using RSVP, Kano and Jappila were discussed at length in the prior Amendment, and the Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner thereto if such detail is desired. However, it is likely such detail need not be revisited.

At page 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner writes “[b]ecause the release of the resources requires two reservation messages (one for allocation of the resources and another for making them available) from the destination entity, it is believed the claimed invention is novel. The examiner was unable to procure prior teachings of such features as claimed by the amended claims and could not render said features obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art without the use of impermissible hindsight construction.”

In light of these comments, the Applicant believes such the references are legally insufficient to make obvious the still pending claims, and requests issue of a notice of allowance.

In the event that the Examiner deems personal contact desirable in disposition of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 951-2500.

In summary, all the independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and therefore all dependent claims that depend there from are believed to be in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully solicits favorable action.

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